DOUBLEDUCK
una missione lunga tre giorni
episodio 3
IN THE MOST SECRETS ROOMS OF THE SEAT OF THE AGENCY...
IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY, GIZMO?
YES, DIRECTOR! THE IMPORTANT DETAILS MAY LURK ANYWHERE!
WALT DISNEY
BY WITNESSING THE MEMORY OF DOUBLEDUCK'S BREAKFAST, WE MIGHT ACQUIRE VITAL INFORMATION!
FOR EXAMPLE, THAT OUR AGENT HAS AN IRON STOMACH! BAH...
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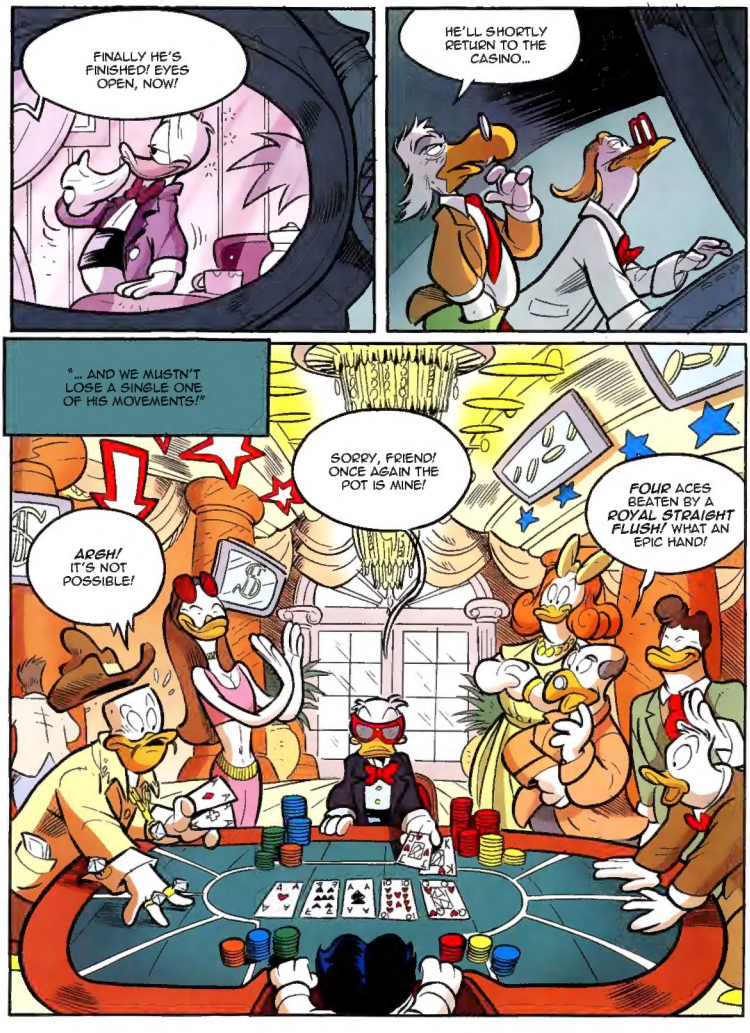
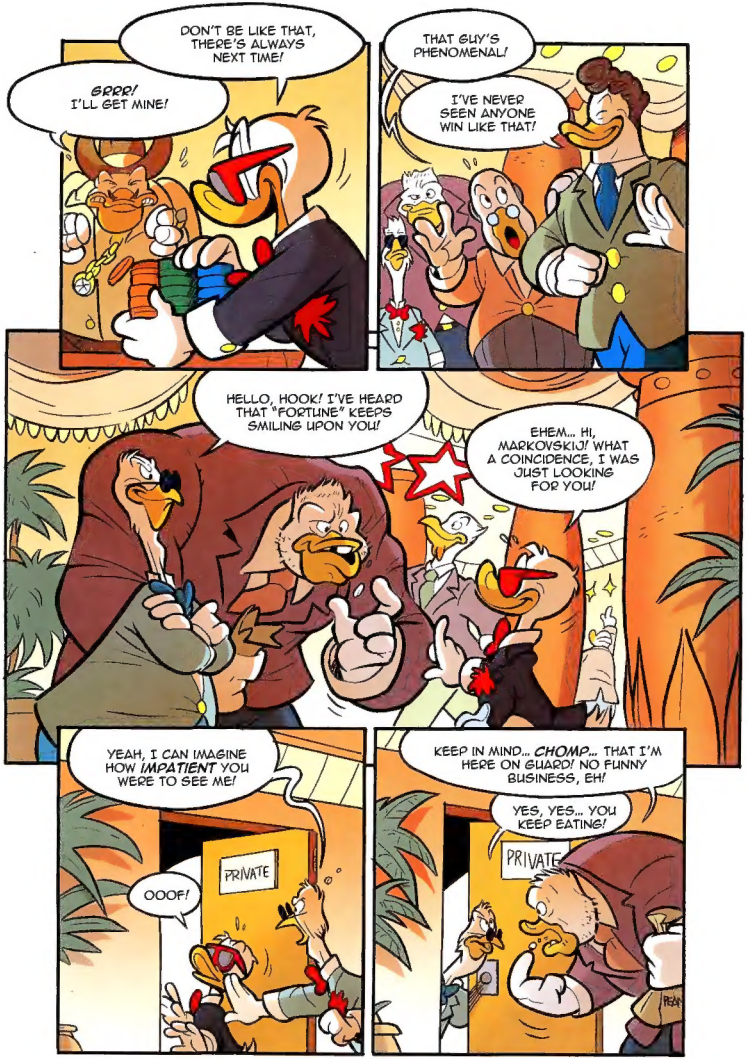
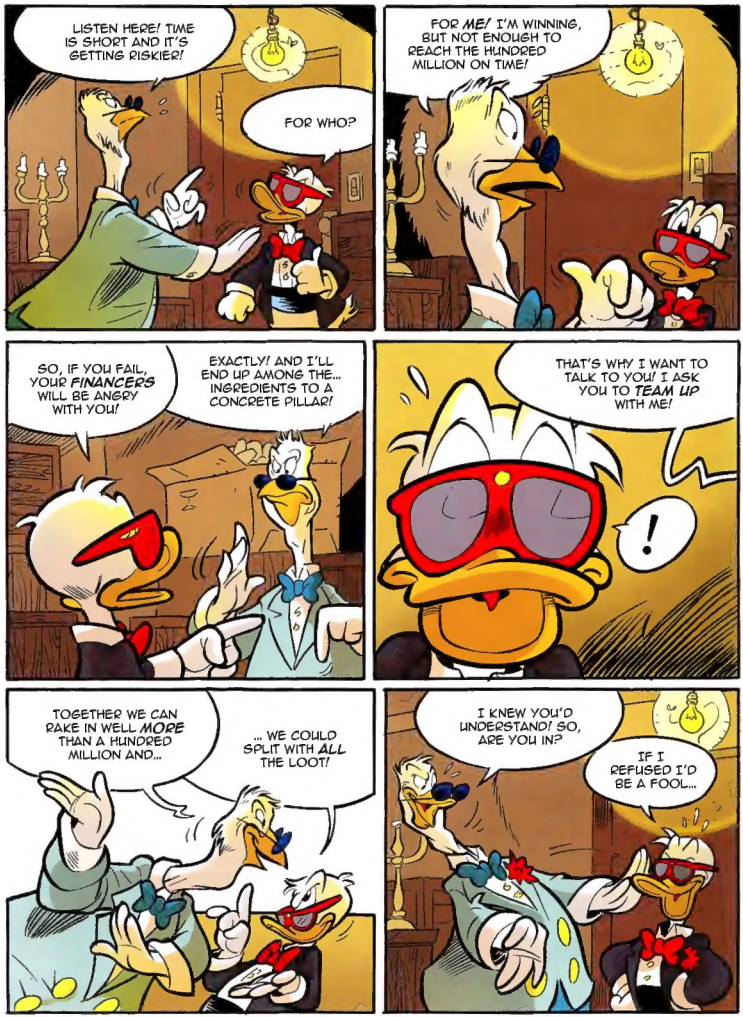

FINALLY HE'S FINISHED! EYES OPEN, NOW!
HE'LL SHORTLY RETURN TO THE CASINO...
"... AND WE MUSTN'T LOSE A SINGLE ONE OF HIS MOVEMENTS!"
SORRY, FRIEND! ONCE AGAIN THE POT IS MINE!
FOUR ACES BEATEN BY A ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH! WHAT AN EPIC HAND!
ARGH! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!


DON'T BE LIKE THAT, THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT TIME!
GRRR! I'LL GET MINE!
THAT GUY'S PHENOMENAL!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE WIN LIKE THAT!
HELLO, HOOK! I'VE HEARD THAT "FORTUNE" KEEPS SMILING UPON YOU!
EHEM... HI, MARKOVSKIJ! WHAT A COINCIDENCE, I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOU!
YEAH, I CAN IMAGINE HOW IMPATIENT YOU WERE TO SEE ME!
PRIVATE
OOOF!
KEEP IN MIND... CHOMP... THAT I'M HERE ON GUARD! NO FUNNY BUSINESS, EH!
YES, YES... YOU KEEP EATING!
PRIVATE


LISTEN HERE! TIME IS SHORT AND IT'S GETTING RISKIER!
FOR WHO?
FOR ME! I'M WINNING, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO REACH THE HUNDRED MILLION ON TIME!
SO, IF YOU FAIL, YOUR FINANCERS WILL BE ANGRY WITH YOU!
EXACTLY! AND I'LL END UP AMONG THE... INGREDIENTS TO A CONCRETE PILLAR!
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TALK TO YOU! I ASK YOU TO TEAM UP WITH ME!
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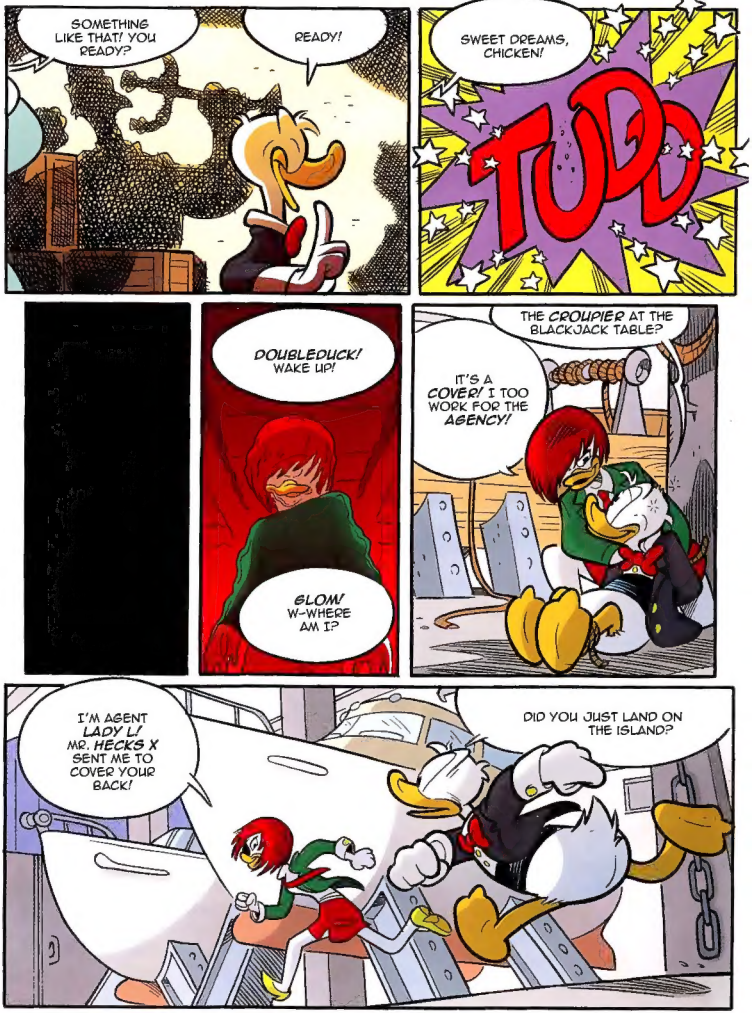
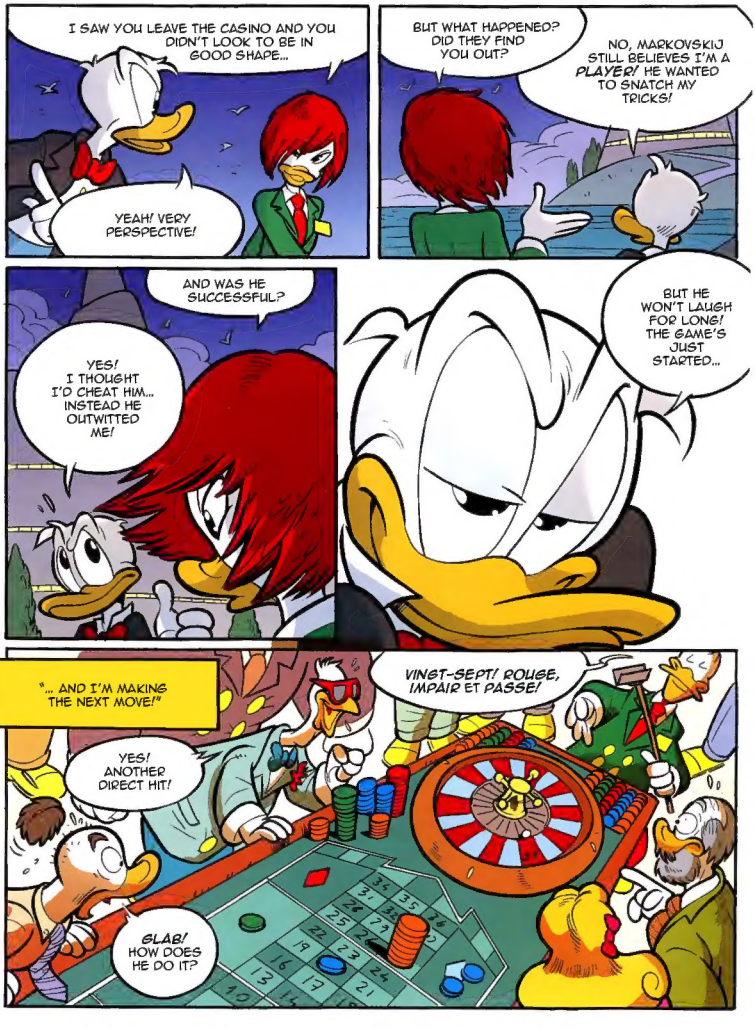
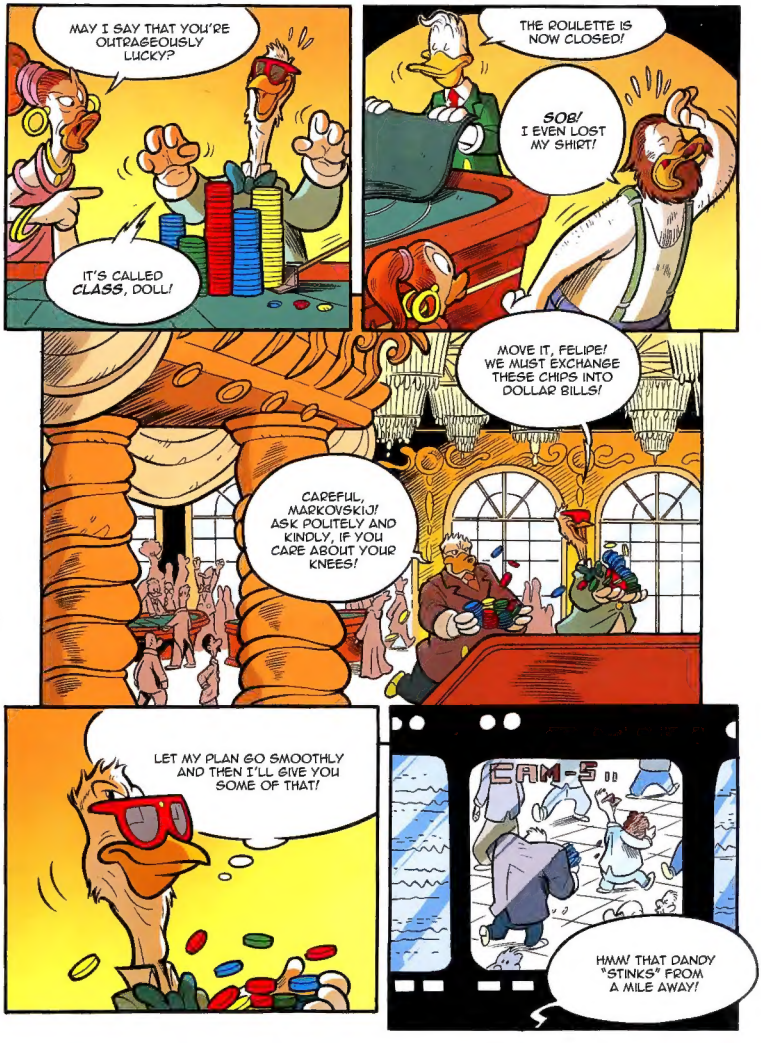
TOGETHER WE CAN RAKE IN WELL MORE THAN A HUNDRED MILLION AND...
... WE COULD SPLIT WITH ALL THE LOOT!
I KNEW YOU'D UNDERSTAND! SO, ARE YOU IN?
IF I REFUSED I'D BE A FOOL...

... AND I WOULDN'T HAVE THE CHANGE TO SPY ON HIM WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION!
NOW YOU CAN TELL ME, PARTNER! HOW DO YOU BREAK THE BANK AT THE TABLES?
HE HE! THE SECRET'S IN THE GLASSES!
THE FRAME HIDES A COMPUTER THAT MAKES GAMBLING SUGGESTIONS!
A PROCESSOR THAT CALCULATES IN REAL TIME THE PROBABILITY OF VICTORY! I IMAGINED SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
CASINO
USING IT IS VERY EASY! THE DATA APPEARS INSIDE THE LENSES!
NOT BAD! BUT I ALSO KNOW A FEW DECENT TRICKS!
WHAT'S THIS? A SLEIGHT OF HAND?
TURN AROUND, I'LL TEACH YOU ONE!


SOMETHING LIKE THAT! YOU READY?
READY!
SWEET DREAMS, CHICKEN!
TUDD
DOUBLEDUCK! WAKE UP!
GLOM! W-WHERE AM I?
THE CROUPIER AT THE BLACKJACK TABLE?
IT'S A COVER! I TOO WORK FOR THE AGENCY!
I'M AGENT LADY L! MR. HECKS X SENT ME TO COVER YOUR BACK!
DID YOU JUST LAND ON THE ISLAND?

NO, I TRAVELLED WITH *YOU!* THE HELICOPTER'S LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT IS QUITE COZY!
"ONCE I ARRIVED, I REPLACED THE REAL CROUPIER!"
BUT HOW DID I END UP IN THAT GARAGE? I ONLY REMEMBER A BIG KNOCK ON MY HEAD!
YOU WERE BROUGHT THERE BY MARKOVSKIJ AND HIS GORILLA, AFTER HAVING KNOCKED YOU OUT!


I SAW YOU LEAVE THE CASINO AND YOU DIDN'T LOOK TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE...
YEAH! VERY PERSPECTIVE!
BUT WHAT HAPPENED? DID THEY FIND YOU OUT?
NO, MARKOVSKIJ STILL BELIEVES I'M A *PLAYER!* HE WANTED TO SNATCH MY TRICKS!
AND WAS HE SUCCESSFUL?
YES! I THOUGHT I'D CHEAT HIM... INSTEAD HE OUTWITTED ME!
BUT HE WON'T LAUGH FOR LONG! THE GAME'S JUST STARTED...
"... AND I'M MAKING THE NEXT MOVE!"
YES! ANOTHER DIRECT HIT!
GLAB! HOW DOES HE DO IT?
VINGT-SEPT! ROUGE, IMPAIR ET PASSE!


MAY I SAY THAT YOU'RE OUTRAGEOUSLY LUCKY?
IT'S CALLED CLASS, DOLL!
THE ROULETTE IS NOW CLOSED!
SOB! I EVEN LOST MY SHIRT!
MOVE IT, FELIPE! WE MUST EXCHANGE THESE CHIPS INTO DOLLAR BILLS!
CAREFUL, MARKOVSKIJ! ASK POLITELY AND KINDLY, IF YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR KNEES!
LET MY PLAN GO SMOOTHLY AND THEN I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF THAT!
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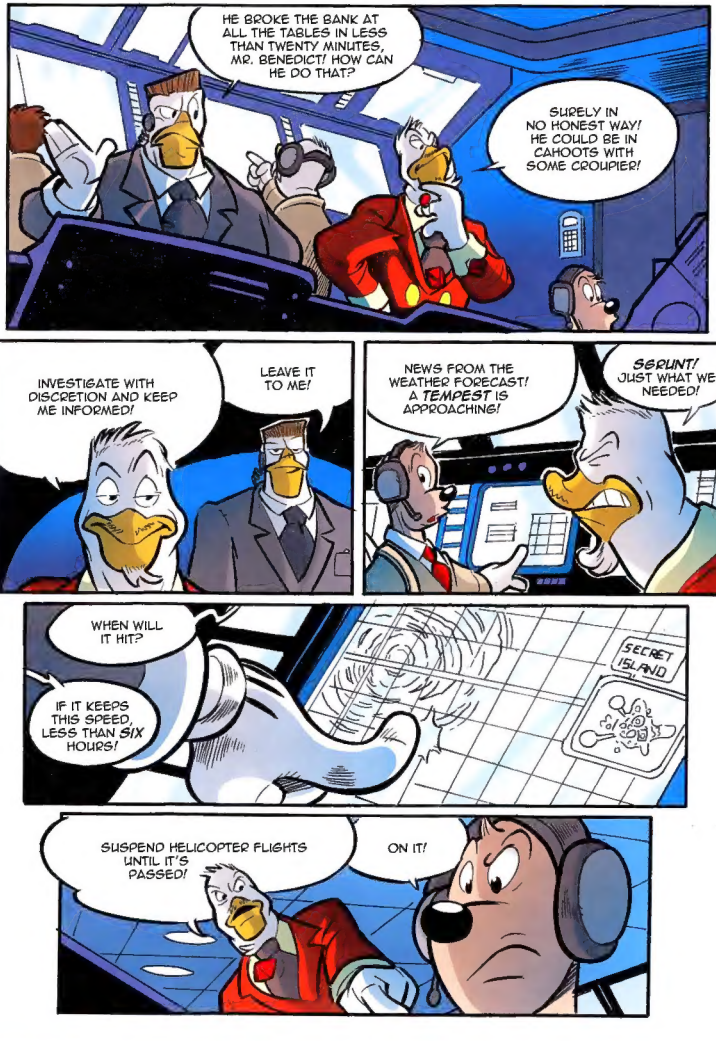
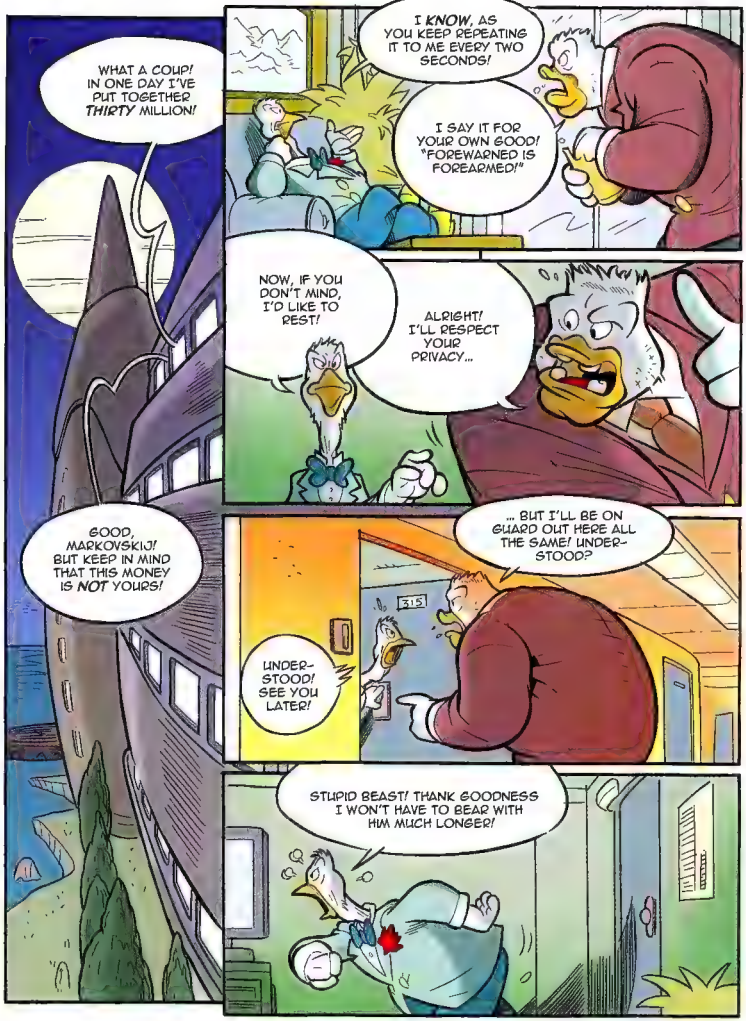
HMM! THAT DANDY "STINKS" FROM A MILE AWAY!


HE BROKE THE BANK AT ALL THE TABLES IN LESS THAN TWENTY MINUTES, MR. BENEDICT! HOW CAN HE DO THAT?
SURELY IN NO HONEST WAY! HE COULD BE IN CAHOOTS WITH SOME CROUPIER!
INVESTIGATE WITH DISCRETION AND KEEP ME INFORMED!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
NEWS FROM THE WEATHER FORECAST! A *TEMPEST* IS APPROACHING!
SCRUNT! JUST WHAT WE NEEDED!
WHEN WILL IT HIT?
IF IT KEEPS THIS SPEED, LESS THAN *SIX* HOURS!
SECRET ISLAND
SUSPEND HELICOPTER FLIGHTS UNTIL IT'S PASSED!
ON IT!


I KNOW, AS YOU KEEP REPEATING IT TO ME EVERY TWO SECONDS!
I SAY IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! "FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED!"
WHAT A COUP! IN ONE DAY I'VE PUT TOGETHER THIRTY MILLION!
NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO REST!
ALRIGHT! I'LL RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY...
GOOD, MARKOVSKIJ! BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS MONEY IS NOT YOURS!
... BUT I'LL BE ON GUARD OUT HERE ALL THE SAME! UNDERSTOOD?
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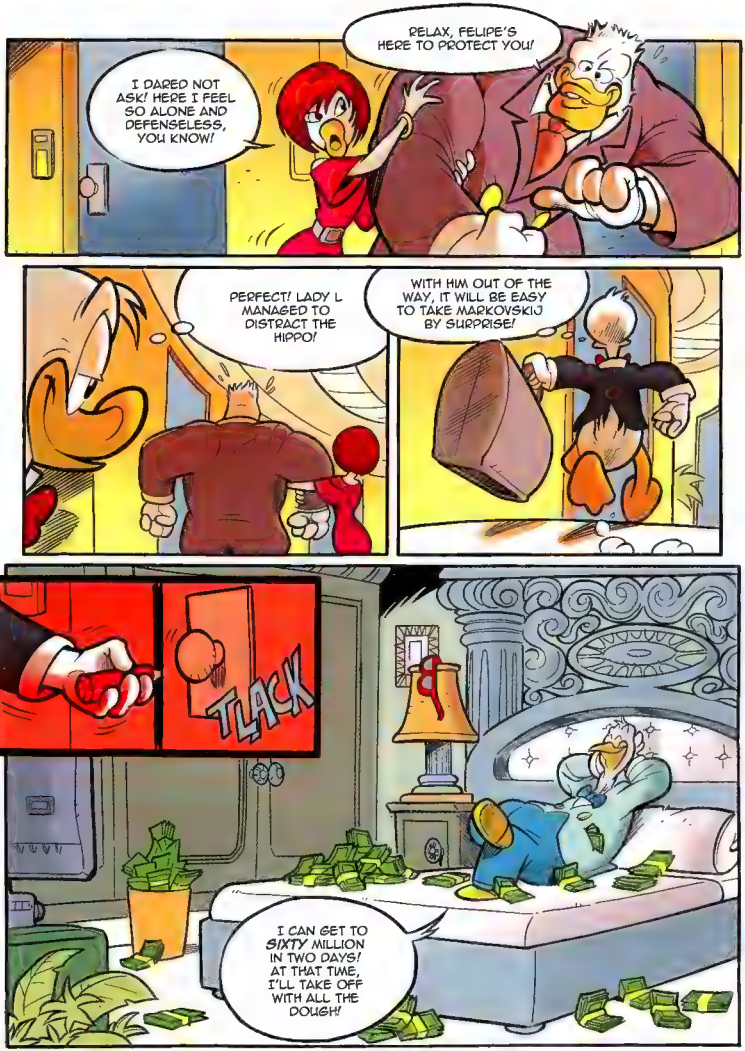
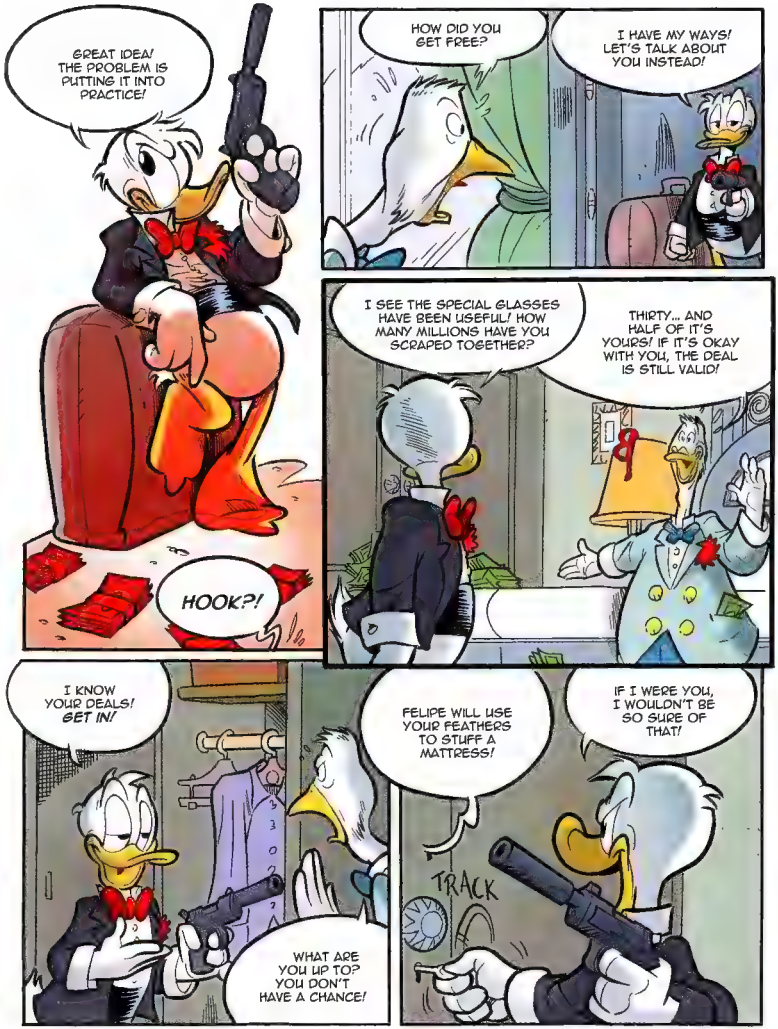
UNDERSTOOD! SEE YOU LATER!
STUPID BEAST! THANK GOODNESS I WON'T HAVE TO BEAR WITH HIM MUCH LONGER!

FLUFFYYY!
?
EXCUSE ME, SIR, I'VE LOST FLUFFY! DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE HIM?
FLUFFY? NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM! BY THE WAY, WHO'S THIS "FLUFFY"?
HE'S MY DOG! BUT WHAT NICE MUSCLES... ARE THEY YOURS?
SURE! UH HUH! THE SECRET IS A LOT OF EXERCISING AND A BUNCH OF PEANUTS!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE, I *LOVE* PEANUTS!
WOW! EHEM... MAY I HELP YOU FIND YOUR LITTLE ANIMAL?


I DARED NOT ASK! HERE I FEEL SO ALONE AND DEFENSELESS, YOU KNOW!
RELAX, FELIPE'S HERE TO PROTECT YOU!
PERFECT! LADY L MANAGED TO DISTRACT THE HIPPO!
WITH HIM OUT OF THE WAY, IT WILL BE EASY TO TAKE MARKOVSKIJ BY SURPRISE!
TLACK
I CAN GET TO *SIXTY* MILLION IN TWO DAYS! AT THAT TIME, I'LL TAKE OFF WITH ALL THE DOUGH!


GREAT IDEA! THE PROBLEM IS PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE!
HOOK?!
HOW DID YOU GET FREE?
I HAVE MY WAYS! LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU INSTEAD!
I SEE THE SPECIAL GLASSES HAVE BEEN USEFUL! HOW MANY MILLIONS HAVE YOU SCRAPED TOGETHER?
THIRTY... AND HALF OF IT'S YOURS! IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, THE DEAL IS STILL VALID!
I KNOW YOUR DEALS! GET IN!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE!
FELIPE WILL USE YOUR FEATHERS TO STUFF A MATTRESS!
IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE OF THAT!
TRACK

THE WISE GUY'S TAKEN CARE OF! NOW TO GRAB THE MONEY!
I'LL HIDE IT IN A SAFE PLACE! AFTERWARDS...
"... THE MOST DELICATE PART OF THE OPERATION STARTS!"
OH, HOW CARELESS! I FORGOT THAT FLUFFY'S AT HOME!
THEN, WE'VE GONE AROUND THE HOTEL THREE TIMES FOR NOTHING?
HOTEL
THANK YOU, MR. FELIPE! YOU'VE BEEN SO SWEET!
JUST DOING MY JOB, MISS! HOPE I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!
NICE PICK-UP MOVE, THAT LOST DOG STORY! CLEARLY THAT GIRL FOUND ME IRRESISTIBLE!
CRUNCH CRUNCH

YOU?! HOW'D YOU GET OUT OF THAT GARAGE? WE TIED YOU UP LIKE...
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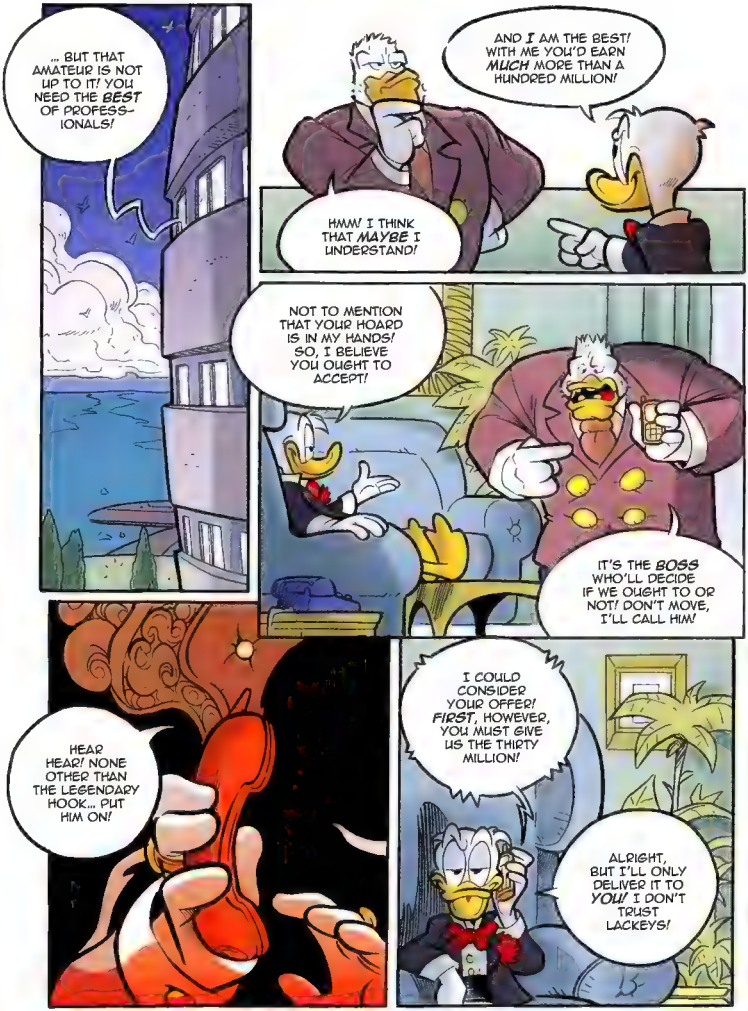
HI THERE, BIG GUY! GOING FOR A STROLL INSTEAD OF WORKING?
AND WHY'S THE DOOR OPEN? WHERE'S MARKOVSKIJ?
IN THE BEDROOM! I'VE CONFINED HIM IN THE CLOSET!
HELP! LET ME OUT!
TUMP TUMP
MOREOVER, I'VE STOLEN ALL YOUR MONEY!
GRRR! I'M GONNA BEAT YOU TO A PULP, DUCK!
CALM DOWN! YOU SHOULD FIRST LISTEN TO MY PROPOSAL!
HUH? TALK...
I KNOW YOU'VE HIRED MARKOVSKIJ TO MULTIPLY A CERTAIN CAPITAL...


... BUT THAT AMATEUR IS NOT UP TO IT! YOU NEED THE BEST OF PROFESS-IONALS!
AND I AM THE BEST! WITH ME YOU'D EARN MUCH MORE THAN A HUNDRED MILLION!
HMM! I THINK THAT MAYBE I UNDERSTAND!
NOT TO MENTION THAT YOUR HOARD IS IN MY HANDS! SO, I BELIEVE YOU OUGHT TO ACCEPT!
IT'S THE BOSS WHO'LL DECIDE IF WE OUGHT TO OR NOT! DON'T MOVE, I'LL CALL HIM!
HEAR HEAR! NONE OTHER THAN THE LEGENDARY HOOK... PUT HIM ON!
I COULD CONSIDER YOUR OFFER! FIRST, HOWEVER, YOU MUST GIVE US THE THIRTY MILLION!
ALRIGHT, BUT I'LL ONLY DELIVER IT TO YOU! I DON'T TRUST LACKEYS!

VERY WELL! BE AT THE PIER *WEST* OF THE ISLAND TONIGHT AT *ONE!*
I'LL ARRIVE IN A MOTORBOAT! SEE THAT YOU SHOW UP!
HAVE NO DOUBT! I'LL PUT THE *HOMINID* BACK ON!
HE TOOK THE BAIT!
I SEE, BOSS! IT WILL BE DONE! SEE YOU SOON AND... HAVE A GOOD EVENING!
GO, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW AT BREAKFAST!
FIRST ONE THERE ORDERS THE USUAL CROISSANTS WITH CREAM AND BACON!
IF EVERY-THING GOES AS I HOPE, THE MISSION WILL CONCLUDE TONIGHT!
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GRRR! WHERE'S HOOK?! I'LL WRING HIS NECK...
NO, MARKOVSKIJ! HOOK NOW WORKS FOR *US!*
GNAM

THE BOSS HAS DECIDED HE'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE!
EEEH? B-BUT YOU CAN'T...
YES WE CAN! AND YOU'RE OUT!
URGH!
TUMP
SLAM
GRRR! I'VE BEEN THROWN AWAY LIKE AN OLD SHOE!
BUT I'LL SHOW THEM WHO VICTOR MARKOVSKIJ IS!
SECURITY
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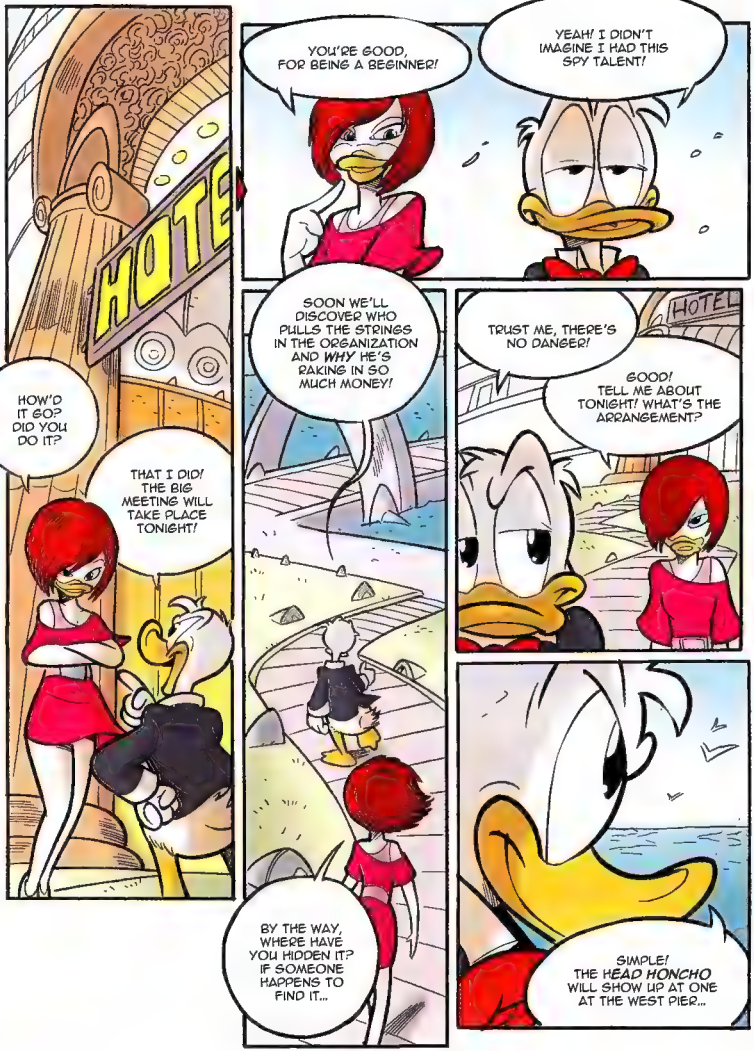
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HOW'D IT GO? DID YOU DO IT?
THAT I DID! THE BIG MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TONIGHT!
YOU'RE GOOD, FOR BEING A BEGINNER!
YEAH! I DIDN'T IMAGINE I HAD THIS SPY TALENT!
SOON WE'LL DISCOVER WHO PULLS THE STRINGS IN THE ORGANIZATION AND *WHY* HE'S RAKING IN SO MUCH MONEY!
BY THE WAY, WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN IT? IF SOMEONE HAPPENS TO FIND IT...
HOTEL
TRUST ME, THERE'S NO DANGER!
GOOD! TELL ME ABOUT TONIGHT! WHAT'S THE ARRANGEMENT?
SIMPLE! THE *HEAD HONCHO* WILL SHOW UP AT ONE AT THE WEST PIER...

"... AND I WILL DELIVER THE THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS!"
BAD LUCK! WITH THESE WAVES, HE'LL NEVER MANAGE TO DOCK!
KRACK
WAAASH
HE WON'T EVEN HAVE LEFT! NO ONE SETS OUT TO SEA IN SUCH WEATHER!
IF WE'D KNOWN ABOUT THE STORM...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'VE KNOWN OF IT SINCE THIS AFTERNOON!
AND YESTERDAY I INTERRUPTED YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BASE!
SO YOU LIED TO ME! YOU'RE NOT WITH THE AGENCY...
BESIDES, MR. HECKS X DESERVES A LESSON FOR HAVING ME HUMILIATED!
GASP! IT WAS YOU!?!
YES I AM! BUT THIRTY MILLION WOULD TEMPT ANYONE!
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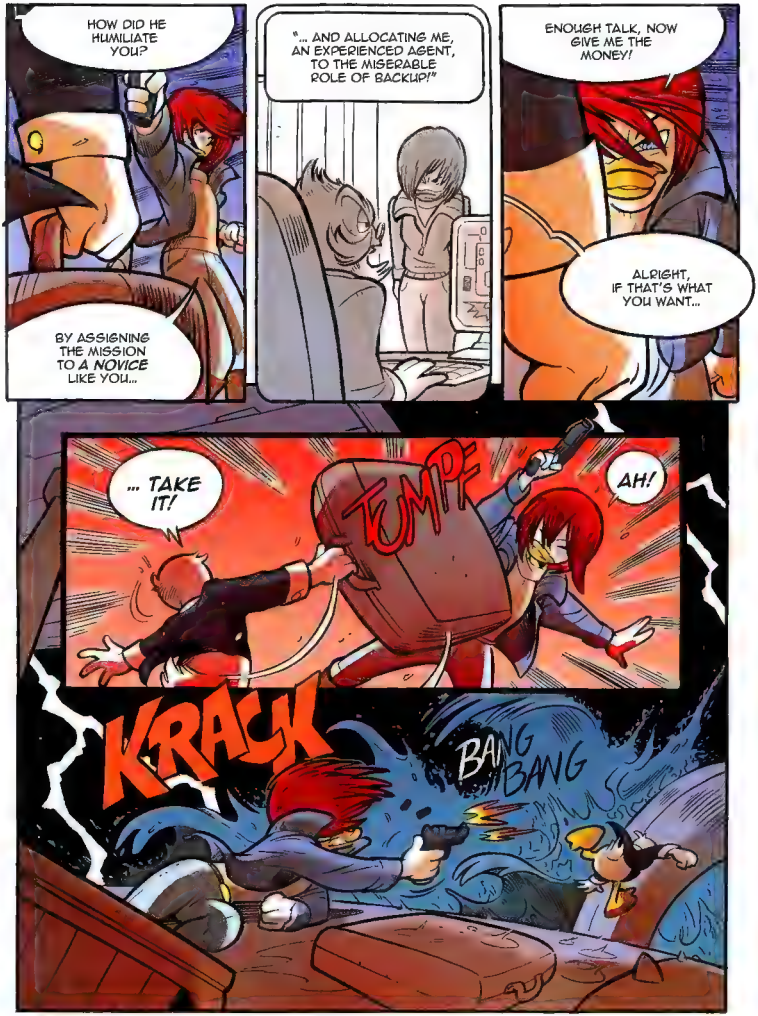
HOW DID HE HUMILIATE YOU?
BY ASSIGNING THE MISSION TO A NOVICE LIKE YOU...
"... AND ALLOCATING ME, AN EXPERIENCED AGENT, TO THE MISERABLE ROLE OF BACKUP!"
ENOUGH TALK, NOW GIVE ME THE MONEY!
ALRIGHT, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
... TAKE IT!
TUMPF
AH!
KRACK
BANG BANG

ARGH!
SPLOMF
SORRY, DOUBLEDUCK! THIS OCCUPATION HAS ITS HAZARDS!
WAAASH
KA-BOOM

HELP...
SPLUT!
GRAB IT, QUICK!
!
SPLENDID NIGHT FOR A SWIM! I BET THE WATER WAS BOILING!
SLAB! CARVER?! HOW'D YOU GET TO THE ISLAND?
YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME, DUCK! DID YOU FORGET THIS WAS MY MISSION?
HEY! YOU WANT TO SHOOT ME AFTER SAVING ME?
YOU GUESSED IT! I'LL LIQUIDATE YOU PERSONALLY!

NO ONE STEALS MY ASSIGNMENT AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
WAIT! IF YOU SPARE ME, I'LL GIVE YOU THE THIRTY MILLION!
THE MONEY YOUR PARTNER SNATCHED? I CAN GET IT MYSELF!
WRONG! LADY L SNATCHED NOTHING!
THAT BRIEFCASE IS FULL OF WASTE PAPER!
WHAAAT?! I DON'T...
MARKOVSKIJ'S BEEN FINANCED BY THE HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION AND MY PLAN WAS TO LURE HIM HERE!
PRETENDING TO GIVE BACK THE MONEY, I'D HAVE INDUCED HIM TO REVEAL HIS GOALS...
... WHILE THE MILLIONS WOULD REMAIN IN YOUR POCKETS! VERY CLEVER!

LUCKILY, IN MY HASTE I DID NOT TELL LADY L ABOUT THE TRICK!
GOOD! IN CONCLUSION, WHERE'S THE LOOT?
IN THIS BRIEFCASE, WHICH I HID BEFOREHAND!
WHAT DO YOU SAY? YOU GET THE MONEY AND IN EXCHANGE I KEEP MY FEATHERS!
A GOOD DEAL! THOUGH I HAVE A BETTER ONE IN MIND...
I GET THE MONEY AND TAKE YOU OUT ALL THE SAME!
GOODBYE, DUCK! YOUR MEDDLER CAREER ENDS HERE!
WAAASH
G-GLOM!
HOW WILL OUR HERO GET OUT OF THIS DESPERATE SITUATION? THE ANSWER IS IN THE FOURTH AND FINAL PART OF THIS STORY!

END OF PART THREE